

industry said they can live with it.

SENATOR VICKERS: But they didn't...the industry would not support this amendment if that grandfather clause, that date wasn't in there. Is that correct?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, I didn't ask them that specific question. However, it would be my understanding that the original opposition was because some things were in place for 30 years, some tanks aboveground, for example, and they were grandfathered when that bill was passed. If we put the language back in without keeping that grandfather, then all of a sudden they would have some major problems with the bill because it would affect them. So I would say probably they would not accept it.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Hannibal. I rise to support the amendment, but reluctantly with that date in there. It seems rather ridiculous to me to say that we think it is dangerous to have flammable liquids in aboveground storage tanks and we want to give the department or the Fire Marshal's Office the authority to, through rules and regulations and based on the statutes, to prohibit that sort of thing in service stations, and then to say, well, if the service station was in existence on May 29, 1959, it shall not apply to them. Well, I guess my question is what if the service station has been in existence but it has changed hands a number of times, does this mean it doesn't apply, and are we saying that a tank that is 26 years old is safer than a new tank? Is that what we are saying? It doesn't make any sense to me whatsoever. If it is dangerous, it is dangerous, it is dangerous. If we don't want it there for fire hazards, then we shouldn't have it there because of fire hazards. But to say that a tank that has been there for 26 years is okay, but anything newer than 26 years is not okay, does not really make any sense to me. I guess I'd like to ask the President if, at this point of debate, now I know we are debating to bring a bill back for a specific amendment. Is an amendment divisible at this stage of debate, on Final Reading?

PRESIDENT: I'm advised that it is not divisible.

SENATOR VICKERS: It is not divisible when we have not yet brought it back? We are not debating a specific amendment at this point in time. We are only debating whether to